

# FIREMEN WOULD DISSOLVE UNION ON THIS ROLLING

## Four Fires in Fifteen Months in One Concern Moves Fire Chief Mooney to Suspect Incendiarism.

### Electrical Cable Company Recently Collected \$73,000 Fire Loss on Property Taxed for \$30,000—Treasurer Shreve Claims Present Loss is \$40,000 —M'Padden on Job Again.

For the fourth time in 15 months the Bridgeport Fire Department, extinguished a blaze in the factory of the Electric Cable Company, at Central and Crescent avenues. When the arduous labor of checking the conflagration was over, this morning, Fire Chief Mooney said: "We could get rid of the trouble at this point if whoever is setting this building on fire would stop it."

The fire was discovered between 2 and 3 o'clock this morning. It did damage upon which the concern will probably collect in the neighborhood of \$20,000 insurance.

It will probably not be the last fire as the concern is engaged in the handling of very inflammable materials which burn like tinder.

The company is engaged in the manufacture of an electric wire insulation, a large part of which is composed of oily substances and a little fire in it will spread with great rapidity.

Supt. T. J. Seward of the company announced that the damage would be principally by water.

Fire Chief Mooney said to-day there would be no loss at all if someone would stop setting fire to the building. The chief favors locating more hydrants near the plant in order that the fire in the structure could be checked before the flames get through the roof as the plant of the Bridgeport Chain Co., nearby is jeopardized by this danger spot.

The firemen kept the fire confined within the walls of the building this morning and would have stopped it sooner if the hydrants were not so meagrely equipped under Capt. Ed. Foley which did the most effective work in suppressing the blaze. In the past there have been a 600 feet long and was unable to lay a second line at once as only 400 feet of hose remained in the company's cart.

For a time the firemen sprawled about upon the oil soaked floors which were covered with an inch or more of paint which is a product of the concern.

The streams of water poured upon the flames before them and had little effect upon them until the fire was driven against the sides of the building. Alongside of a room filled with paint were several tons of cotton twine.

Michael McPadden, the watchman at the factory who had to jump out of a window at the fire to save his life, was sent in the alarm. He told a reporter of the Farmer this morning that he believed the fire started in the paint shop and that everything was all right there twenty minutes before.

Treasurer J. A. Shreve of the company said this morning the plant would be started tomorrow in some departments as the power was not affected by the fire. A notice was posted shortly after the fire stating that the shop was closed for the day. Mr. Shreve was of the opinion that the loss would be between \$35,000 and \$40,000. He said the plant is fully covered with insurance.

The company recently collected \$73,000 insurance and was able to use the building again after making repairs. At the same time the total value of the concern on the tax books of the city was \$30,000, of which \$2,200 was on the business.

On the 1908 tax books the company is listed at \$31,160, or over three times what it was a year ago. Of this \$30,500 is on the business. This increase of a thousand dollars in valuation is said by the assessors to be due to the fact that the company is carrying more stock than it did a year ago.

Although Watchman McPadden stated that the fire started in the paint shop, Treasurer Shreve said this morning that the insurance men claim the fire started in the basement in the finishing department.

Watchman McPadden said the fire was only a small blaze when he saw it and that he contemplated trying to check it after he pulled the alarm, but that it gained such headway that he was obliged to give up the task.

# DOTEN FINDS MANSLAUGHTER IN KOSA CASE

## Coroner Sends Record of Evidence to Prosecutor Delaney and Copy of Finding.

### Latter Will Issue Warrant for Henri Beisel if He Thinks Evidence Sufficient —Beisel Charged With Having Killed Boy Until He Died of His Injuries

Coroner C. A. Doten filed his finding, this morning, in the matter of his inquest into the death of the ten-year-old Michael Kosa. The conclusion of the coroner is that Kosa came to his death from injuries inflicted by Henri Beisel with manslaughter.

Coroner Doten had already filed a copy of the evidence in the case which had been recorded up till 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon, with Prosecuting Attorney Alexander F. DeLaney. This afternoon he informed the prosecutor formally of his finding.

Mr. DeLaney is now considering the evidence, and will issue a warrant for Beisel if he thinks the facts are sufficient to secure a conviction.

Beisel is 74 years old and a man of patriarchal appearance. He had been to the neighborhood where his store is located, who jeered his flowing white beard and his feeble walk. Kosa was one of a group of boys who were teasing the old man.

The father of the boy has brought civil suit against the old merchant for \$2,000.

Beisel claims that the boy's injuries were sustained in a scuffle with the other boys.

# AKAHIRA DUBS SIXTY KILLED IN WARFARE ON CHRISTIANS

## Japanese Ambassador Guest of Board of Trade Inspects Manufactories.

### He Rejoices Because Little Men are Placed in Charge of Large Industries Here as in Japan.

Baron Takahira, the Japanese ambassador to this country and K. Midzuno, the Japanese consul general at New York, arrived in this city this morning on the 10:44 express, from New York, and were met at the railroad station by Fred Egan, president of the Board of Trade, who took them to the Stratfield in a big touring Locomobile, where they were assigned to apartments and later introduced to Mayor Lee and Mr. Samuel H. Wheeler.

The baron told the mayor that if he had been able to keep his engagement for the board of the banquet a year ago, he probably would not have had the pleasure of coming to-day.

The baron said: "Connecticut is a wonderful place of industry, and I know it is the capital, but Bridgeport is the industrial capital and it is with much pleasure I have looked forward to my visit here and the size of the city and its history, using fluent English. The baron asked what town in Connecticut had a massive silk industry. He was informed that the Cheney mills, South Manchester, were the largest in the state.

In answer to the mayor Mr. Midzuno stated that about 60 per cent. of the silk manufactured in Japan was sold in this country. The consul general was quick to notice that the Stratfield was a new building and that there were windows in all of the rooms. He spoke to Mr. Wheeler about it, and declared he thought it a novel idea.

After the guests were shown about the building they were driven in an automobile to the plant of the Singer Co., where they spent an hour seeing the sewing machine works.

The baron took a great shine to General Manager George M. Eames and said that he was glad to see that little men were at the head of big industries here the same as they were in his own country.

The baron has a number of dry jokes and when he found that the jokes were not appreciated he said that he was greatly pleased. A visit was also made to the plant of the Locomobile Co., of America. The baron will visit the plant of the Lake Torpedo Boat Co. and one or two other places of interest if there is time left.

It is expected that the baron, who has a special speech for Bridgeport, will have something of interest to say at the banquet of the Board of Trade, this evening.

An informal luncheon was extended to the ambassador and the consul general by the Board of Trade. About 25 of the representative citizens of Bridgeport were present. Baron Takahira made a neat little speech, in which he said that hereafter the designation "Made in Bridgeport" was more than it is now. He paid a compliment to the quality of New England citizenship, saying: "New Englanders lead the simple, most generous life. I have expressed my belief that the New England ideal is one of the best assets of the American nation."

Representatives were proposed to the Emperor of Japan, to the Japanese people, to the President of the United States, to the American people, to the city of Bridgeport, and to the Board of Trade, the consul general, which were received with enthusiasm.

After dinner the distinguished guests visited the Locomobile plant. It had been arranged that the party should see the craft in operation and make a trip to the Sound bottom.

Most prominent among the ambassador who attracted attention was made by him as he saw hundreds of workers leaving the Singer factory at the noon hour, which he said was the best army that a country can have."

# SILLIMAN & GODFREY CO. SUE CITY FOR \$5,000

## Action is Outgrowth of Award of Street Committee on the Main Street Pavement.

### Contract Was First Given to Plaintiffs at \$1.90 Per Square Yard, and Later to Another Concern at \$1.85 a Square Yard—Former City Attorney James A. Marr For Plaintiffs.

Papers were filed in the Superior court, civil side, this morning, in the threatened suit by Silliman & Godfrey Co. against Bridgeport. Former City Attorney James A. Marr brings the action. Damages amounting to \$5,000 are claimed.

The plaintiff states the circumstances surrounding the making of a contract for wood blocks, which have become familiar to newspaper readers. They allege that they have been deprived of the use of \$1,000 for a considerable period; that they went to trouble and expense to obtain the contract and prepare the papers connected with it, and that they had ordered the necessary quantity of blocks from the American Cressoting Company, whose agents they were, by which a loss has accrued to them.

They allege that the Council committee on Streets awarded the contract to them at \$1.90 per square yard, because the committee believed that the blocks of the American Cressoting Company were superior, and that the committee then changed its action and gave the contract to the United States Wood Preserving Company, although the bid of the last named was but 5 cents lower per square yard than the bid of the plaintiffs, while the Wyckoff Company offered to furnish a block at \$1.85 per square yard.

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# NEW AGREEMENT HUSBAND AND WIFE SEEK TROLEYSMEN FOR DIVORCE

## One Asks to be Freed from Erring Spouse and Other from Husband Who Shared Offense.

### Plaintiff Testifies That Husband Tried to Persuade Her to Suicide — Decision Reserved by Judge Scott in Two Cases.

Judge Howard J. Scott took the papers in the divorce proceedings heard this morning, in the suit of Louise Woodside, this city, against Clarence Woodside, of parts unknown, on statutory grounds and an allegation of habitual intemperance. Katherine Hayward, formerly of this city, is named co-respondent. Mrs. Hayward is the defendant in another divorce suit brought by Archibald A. Hayward, clerk in his father's market, South avenue, in which he names Clarence Woodside, as co-respondent.

Katherine Hayward married Woodside Oct. 15, 1902, and went to live at 82 Woodside street, where she kept boarders, and among whom were Mr. and Mrs. Archibald Hayward. On the morning of Aug. 18, 1906, Mrs. Woodside's father-in-law called at her residence about 7:30 a. m. and wished to see Clarence. The wife went to the door of Mrs. Hayward's chamber, to ask her if she happened to know the whereabouts of Woodside. Mrs. Hayward opened the door. Mr. Woodside was in the room. Both were in unconventional attire. Woodside remained till late in September, 1906, when he went to live at a boarding house on Fairfield avenue, and later at the Atlantic Hotel. When he left the house he said that he did not care for his wife any more, or for their little baby girl, and that he preferred Mrs. Hayward. He later left the city. The plaintiff believes Mr. Woodside is now living with her. Mr. Woodside often came home intoxicated, and that he was discharged from the employ of the D. M. Read Co. for that cause.

Archibald Hayward, whose wife is named as co-respondent, testified that his wife left him during the latter part of 1906. She went to live at 114 Main street, in Syracuse, N. Y., with Woodside. He met her on her return here at the post office to have a talk with her. He followed her to the hotel where she was staying, and saw them enter the Galliard Hotel on State street, but did not see them come out. Mrs. Woodside's maiden name was Durum. The plaintiff testified that she had seen her son-in-law and Mrs. Hayward leave the house together, but believed they were only friendly toward each other. One night, however, she was surprised when she entered the kitchen of her daughter's home. This was one evening in August, 1908, between midnight and 1 o'clock in the morning. Woodside and Mrs. Hayward were both there. She spoke to them but they were only friendly toward each other. She often saw him in an intoxicated condition.

Judge Edward F. Hallen filed briefs in the divorce suit of Elizabeth M. Wolcott of this city against William H. Wolcott of New York city. Mrs. Wolcott's maiden name was Durum. They were married Jan. 21, 1883. He deserted her five years ago. Their

# DAUGHTERS OF REVOLUTION Lining Up

## Forces of Administration Candidates and Insurgents' Choice Are Furnishing Merry Sensation for Washington Society.

(Special from United Press.) Washington, April 16.—In little knots and groups of twos and threes and in bunches of twenty or more, delegates to the coming convention of the Daughters of the Revolution are to-day gathering to discuss the latest social sensation in connection with the fight for the presidency-general, between Mrs. Matthew T. Scott of Illinois, the administration candidate, and Mrs. William Cummings Story of New York, the insurgents' choice. Mrs. Scott and Mrs. Story, both of whom are daughters of the Revolution, have refused to attend a reception to be given at the Willard Hotel to-morrow by Vice-President Sherman. Sherman has justly showing the invitations which read: "To meet Mrs. Story." Mrs. McLean and her supporters gave a reception last night and a large number was given out to the visiting delegates.

# LAFOLETTE EXCORIATES SEN. ALDRICH

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# FATAL AUTO CRASH IN CENTRAL PARK

(Special from United Press.) New York, April 16.—Matthew Kamp was instantly killed, Joseph Fogarty, also known as John Moon, was fatally and Ernest Freyer and James Ford were badly hurt today when a big high powered automobile in which they were speeding through Central Park skidded near the Fifth avenue and Fifth street entrance and crashed against a tree. The accident was caused by the tire slipping.

The machine was owned by Philip Carpenter, a lawyer, and he alleges that it was taken from the garage without his permission. All three of the injured men are in the hospital under arrest.

# WALL STREET TO-DAY.

(Special from United Press.) New York, April 16.—The market generally went heavy after the opening, influenced at first by the heavy selling by London and later by liberal supplies of Union Pacific and Steel bonds. There was enough special buying though, to cause irregularities in price. Erie was strong advancing 1 point and Chesapeake & Ohio secured about the same advance, but realizing sales caused this latter stock to lose all of its gain. Apparently the only incentive for the advance in position by active speculative interests was the wheat situation.

Government bonds unchanged; other bonds firm and active.

Noon.—In the last half of the forenoon a steadier tone developed with indications of support in a number of leaders and Union Pacific, Reading and Steel Common recovered part of their loss.

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# SIXTEEN INJURED IN FRISCO FIRE

San Francisco, April 16.—Four persons are known to be dead and six seriously injured, one fatally, as the result of a tenement fire here early today. Fifteen other persons are missing and it is feared that they also have perished. The fire started searching the ruins of the tenement for their bodies.

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# LILLEY STILL GAINING

(Special from United Press.) Hartford, April 16.—The gradual improvement in Governor Lilley's condition still continues, although rather slow. His physicians stated to-day that his pulse and temperature were about normal and while his condition is about the same as it has been for the past two or three days he is slowly gaining strength.

# CHAUFFEUR KIRKE WEDS MISS ZINK

Miss Lulu Zink was married Thursday, April 8, to Hiram W. Kirke, a well known chauffeur, by Rev. E. H. Kenyon of St. Paul's church. They are at present residing with the parents of the groom at 174 Main street. They are receiving the congratulations of their many friends.

# One Watch Attached To Meet Two Claims

Mrs. H. M. Cypher, who conducts a fashionable boarding house at 834 Lafayette street, and who on Monday of this week had a gold watch and chain attached by Deputy Sheriff Peter Egan to satisfy the claim of Irma Miller, a servant girl, to whom Mrs. Cypher owed back wages, again attached the same watch, this morning, to satisfy a claim for E. L. Graves for ice cream delivered to her residence. Mrs. Cypher says the watch is valued at \$60.

# SELECTMAN FOX ENFORCES LAW IN FAIRFIELD

William H. Earle of Providence, R. I. drove a touring car through Fairfield this morning at a rate of speed that startled even First Selectman Charles Fox, who has a machine himself and is not inclined to be too particular about the speed of automobiles in the town. Earle's machine came around the curve on Spring street at 9 o'clock this morning at a rate of about 50 miles an hour. The road is good there and Earle's machine fairly flew. Selectman Fox's equipment with a garden rake and wore the costume which he affects when in the garden. He saw the flying machine coming and jumping into the air he shouted to him as an athlete, rushed to the street brandishing his rake. Earle slowed up his car enough to hear a few remarks made by the selectman, then pulled her wide open and burned the road to his journey toward Providence.

A telephone message to police headquarters in this city brought Earle's machine to stop by order of Supt. Birmingham. A. S. Cooper of Providence occupied the car with Earle.

An hour afterwards Selectman Fox, accompanied by Sheriff David A. Burr and his headquarters in Fox's car, Earle and his companion returned to Fairfield, where they were arraigned before Justice Bacon. Wakeman on a charge of exceeding the speed law.

There was plenty of testimony to prove that Earle was running much beyond the speed limit and the justice imposed a fine of \$100. Earle, who was a fine of \$100, which was paid with more or less reluctance by Earle and he was allowed to continue his journey toward Providence.

At the town meeting held a few days after the death of A. W. Wallace which was caused by an automobile, the voters of the town of Fairfield laid down special instructions to the selectmen concerning the control of automobiles passing through the town. Selectman Fox explained to the accused driver that he had no personal desire to persecute automobilists, but that the will of the people of the town had been expressed positively and that in the future the speed laws must be observed in the limits of the town.

George B. Halliwell died this morning, at his home, 10 West avenue, at the aged of 62 years. He had been suffering with liver complaint. He was a stone cutter by trade. He is survived by a widow, three children, one brother and four sisters.

WE wish to extend our many sincere thanks to our relatives, friends and Modern Woodmen of America for their kind attendance, help and floral offerings during the late sickness and death of our beloved husband and father, MRS. PATRICK CODY and Family.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! All members of No. 30, I. A. of A. are requested to attend regular meeting Friday, April 16, as business of utmost importance is to be transacted.

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